

Emergency Room Services^a-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 1999
Facility And SBD Expenses

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	276,411	11.3	313	556	17,313	13.7	54.8	13.8	7.6	10.1
Age in years										
Under 65	241,735	10.7	291	529	13,686	15.7	62.5	2.3	8.9	10.6
Under 6	23,849	13.2	222	379	1,193	12.6	55.1	2.4*	23.5	6.3
6-17	48,783	9.4	284	616	2,837	11.8	72.0	0.2*	11.7	4.3
18-44	108,964	11.0	303	528	6,330	18.6	60.0	1.2*	7.1	13.0
45-64	60,139	10.2	315	542	3,325	14.5	61.8	6.2	4.8	12.8
65 and over	34,676	15.2	399	687	3,627	6.1	25.5	57.3	2.5	8.5
Sex										
Male	134,603	10.9	327	580	8,546	12.4	56.6	13.1	5.3	12.6
Female	141,808	11.6	303	534	8,767	14.9	52.9	14.6	9.8	7.7
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	208,599	11.4	325	561	13,388	13.9	55.2	15.3	5.6	10.0
Black	34,781	12.1	251	462	1,941	12.5	47.5	10.5	17.1	12.4
Hispanic	33,031	9.4	269	642	1,984	13.4	58.7	7.1*	12.0	8.9
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	184,520	10.4	329	569	10,917	12.1	78.4	1.2*	1.6	6.7
<65, Public only	27,148	15.5	179	372	1,569	6.0	0.0*	12.0	66.6	15.4
<65, Uninsured	30,067	8.2	220	487	1,200	60.8	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	39.2
65+, Medicare only	10,853	17.0	431	600	1,105	5.9*	0.0*	79.2	0.0*	14.9
65+, Medicare and private	19,884	14.0	410	783	2,182	6.5*	42.5	44.5	0.5*	6.1*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,808	17.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	32,795	15.0	220	524	2,570	10.5	37.8	13.5	25.0	13.3*
Near-poor	12,322	12.3	224	425	643	13.6	30.1	16.7*	23.6	16.0
Low income	38,928	12.5	342	514	2,508	22.3	38.2	18.2	10.5	10.7
Middle income	86,182	10.9	327	549	5,146	12.8	55.8	16.0	3.4	12.0
High income	106,184	9.9	345	615	6,447	12.2	69.6	10.3	1.3*	6.6
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	221,447	10.7	314	544	12,878	13.1	55.4	13.0	7.8	10.8
Non-MSA	52,084	12.8	290	586	3,917	16.9	55.7	11.3	7.6	8.6
Missing	2,879	27.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	51,867	10.8	280	457	2,565	7.7	53.0	15.7	11.5	12.1
Midwest	64,230	12.1	333	585	4,531	16.7	56.1	9.5	5.7	12.0
South	97,176	12.6	314	535	6,567	15.7	52.5	15.0	8.3	8.6
West	63,138	8.7	320	662	3,650	10.5	58.4	15.9	5.9	9.2

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Total	†	0.3	9	23	919	1.2	2.1	1.2	0.8	0.9
Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.3	10	26	829	1.5	2.2	0.5	1.0	1.1
Under 6	†	0.9	24	31	139	1.9	4.6	2.1*	4.6	1.7
6-17	†	0.5	21	90	433	2.8	4.9	0.1*	2.9	1.3
18-44	†	0.4	14	40	577	2.7	3.4	0.4*	1.3	1.7
45-64	†	0.5	27	34	296	1.7	3.0	1.5	0.9	2.5
65 and over	†	0.8	37	50	366	1.8	3.7	3.5	0.7	1.8
Sex										
Male	†	0.3	16	34	638	1.2	3.1	2.0	0.8	1.5
Female	†	0.4	11	31	595	2.0	3.0	1.5	1.3	1.0
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.3	11	24	806	1.4	2.3	1.5	0.8	1.0
Black	†	0.7	18	35	215	2.9	4.9	1.9	3.3	3.3
Hispanic	†	0.6	24	122	402	3.8	8.3	2.2*	2.9	2.2
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	6,121	0.3	11	33	789	1.1	1.6	0.4*	0.3	0.8
<65, Public only	1,313	0.9	14	32	175	1.6	0.0*	2.9	4.8	4.6
<65, Uninsured	1,317	0.5	23	65	189	6.7	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	6.7
65+, Medicare only	576	1.6	50	64	161	2.4*	0.0*	3.7	0.0*	2.9
65+, Medicare and private	836	1.1	42	84	308	2.7*	4.9	4.3	0.3*	2.5*
65+, Medicare and other public	298	2.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	0.7	13	80	427	2.6	9.7	2.8	4.6	4.1*
Near-poor	†	1.1	36	50	92	3.3	6.9	5.5*	6.6	4.3
Low income	†	0.7	25	33	224	3.8	3.9	2.8	2.5	1.9
Middle income	†	0.4	17	33	404	2.6	3.5	2.8	0.8	1.6
High income	†	0.4	18	45	621	1.6	2.7	1.6	0.4*	1.0
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.3	10	24	741	1.4	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.1
Non-MSA	†	0.6	20	63	518	2.6	5.0	1.7	1.8	2.0
Missing	†	4.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	†	0.7	15	35	278	1.1	4.0	3.1	2.5	2.5
Midwest	†	0.6	26	35	457	3.3	3.8	1.5	1.5	2.3
South	†	0.4	15	37	564	1.8	3.5	2.2	1.5	1.3
West	†	0.4	22	77	497	1.7	5.7	3.3	1.2	1.5

a Inpatient hospital and physician services, ambulatory physician and nonphysician services, prescribed medicines, home health services, dental services, and various other medical equipment and services that were purchased or rented during the year are included. Over-the-counter medications, alternative care services, and telephone contacts are excluded.

b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year). Other also includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

d Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

e Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

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-- Less than 100 sample cases.

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			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	276,411	10.8	224	447	13,290	14.7	53.1	13.4	8.3	10.6
Age in years										
Under 65	241,735	10.2	211	421	10,411	17.0	60.1	1.9	9.9	11.1
Under 6	23,849	12.9	148	281	864	13.3	49.9	0.2*	29.3	7.3
6-17	48,783	9.0	207	522	2,286	12.1	70.8	0.0*	12.7	4.3*
18-44	108,964	10.4	225	412	4,661	20.9	56.1	1.1*	8.1	13.9
45-64	60,139	9.9	220	438	2,599	15.4	61.3	5.7	4.1	13.4
65 and over	34,676	14.5	318	573	2,879	6.3*	27.8	54.7	2.4	8.8
Sex										
Male	134,603	10.4	224	447	6,267	13.6	52.5	13.9	6.1	13.9
Female	141,808	11.1	223	447	7,023	15.6	53.7	12.9	10.2	7.7
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	208,599	10.9	230	442	10,092	15.3	53.0	14.8	6.0	10.8
Black	34,781	11.4	200	390	1,552	13.0	46.2	10.8	18.5	11.5
Hispanic	33,031	8.8	217	565	1,646	12.0*	60.5	6.8*	12.3	8.4
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	184,520	10.1	224	435	8,087	13.3	77.4	0.7*	1.4	7.3
<65, Public only	27,148	14.8	155	336	1,345	5.6*	0.0*	11.0	68.2	15.3*
<65, Uninsured	30,067	7.0	205	463	978	63.0	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	37.0
65+, Medicare only	10,853	16.3	337	517	915	6.4*	0.0*	78.7	0.0*	14.9
65+, Medicare and private	19,884	13.2	319	652	1,705	6.5*	46.9	40.1	0.2*	6.3*
65+, Medicare and other public	3,808	16.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	32,795	14.2	191	452	2,104	8.9	39.6	12.1	26.4	13.0*
Near-poor	12,322	11.2	195	377	520	13.1	27.4	16.5*	25.7	17.3
Low income	38,928	11.9	238	414	1,915	24.1	34.6	17.2	12.3	11.8
Middle income	86,182	10.3	221	451	4,018	14.4	54.3	15.6	3.6	12.1
High income	106,184	9.6	248	466	4,733	13.8	68.4	10.1	0.6*	7.1
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	221,447	10.2	221	447	10,074	14.0	54.3	12.5	8.3	10.8
Non-MSA	52,084	12.3	223	436	2,799	18.4	50.9	11.1	9.0	10.5
Missing	2,879	26.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	51,867	10.4	208	366	1,979	7.4	53.7	14.2	12.4	12.3
Midwest	64,230	11.4	255	487	3,574	18.3	55.8	7.8	5.8	12.3
South	97,176	11.9	216	410	4,750	17.8	47.2	15.6	9.8	9.6
West	63,138	8.5	239	555	2,987	10.0	58.9	15.9	6.1	9.0

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Total	†	0.2	7	19	738	1.5	2.4	1.4	1.0	1.1
Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.3	5	22	667	1.8	2.6	0.5	1.2	1.3
Under 6	†	0.9	13	26	109	2.3	5.4	0.2*	5.7	2.0
6-17	†	0.5	13	91	415	3.4	6.0	0.0*	3.4	1.4*
18-44	†	0.4	11	27	392	3.2	3.4	0.4*	1.5	1.9
45-64	†	0.5	12	28	243	2.1	3.6	1.7	0.9	3.0
65 and over	†	0.8	29	49	321	2.0*	4.4	4.2	0.7	2.1
Sex										
Male	†	0.3	10	22	430	1.4	3.4	2.5	1.0	1.7
Female	†	0.4	9	31	544	2.4	3.5	1.5	1.6	1.1
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.3	8	17	590	1.7	2.4	1.7	1.0	1.2
Black	†	0.7	16	34	180	3.5	5.3	2.1	3.7	3.0
Hispanic	†	0.5	15	127	389	4.0*	9.3	2.4*	3.5	2.4
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	6,121	0.3	8	26	623	1.3	1.9	0.2*	0.3	0.9
<65, Public only	1,313	0.9	16	31	162	1.8*	0.0*	3.1	5.5	5.3*
<65, Uninsured	1,317	0.6	29	72	175	7.4	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	7.4
65+, Medicare only	576	1.5	56	65	145	2.6*	0.0*	4.3	0.0*	3.5
65+, Medicare and private	836	1.0	34	83	269	3.0*	5.8	5.2	0.1*	3.0*
65+, Medicare and other public	298	2.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	0.7	15	82	409	2.6	11.1	2.9	5.6	4.3*
Near-poor	†	1.1	36	49	81	3.8	7.0	6.3*	7.6	4.9
Low income	†	0.7	14	32	195	4.5	4.1	3.1	3.1	2.3
Middle income	†	0.4	13	31	347	3.3	4.2	3.4	1.0	1.9
High income	†	0.4	14	26	400	1.8	2.4	1.7	0.2*	1.1
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.3	8	23	651	1.8	2.9	1.7	1.2	1.2
Non-MSA	†	0.5	12	33	304	2.7	4.0	1.6	2.1	2.5
Missing	†	4.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	†	0.6	9	28	226	1.1	4.6	3.0	3.0	2.9
Midwest	†	0.6	17	34	377	4.1	4.5	1.5	1.7	2.5
South	†	0.4	9	22	347	2.1	2.9	2.5	1.8	1.5
West	†	0.4	17	75	483	1.8	6.9	4.2	1.4	1.7

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Age in years										
Under 65	241,735	6.8	120	198	3,275	11.6	70.1	3.6	5.9	8.9
Under 6	23,849	8.2	108	168	329	10.9	68.8	8.2*	8.4	3.7*
6-17	48,783	6.2	109	183	551	10.4	76.8	1.1*	7.4	4.4*
18-44	108,964	7.1	127	215	1,669	12.4	70.9	1.6*	4.4*	10.7
45-64	60,139	6.4	130	189	726	11.0	63.7	7.8	7.1	10.4
65 and over	34,676	11.6	111	186	748	5.2	16.9	67.6	2.8*	7.6
Sex										
Male	134,603	7.3	138	233	2,279	8.9	68.1	10.8	3.1	9.2
Female	141,808	7.6	104	162	1,744	12.4	49.9	21.6	8.2	7.9
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	208,599	7.7	122	205	3,296	9.4	62.1	16.8	4.1	7.5
Black	34,781	7.2	101	154	389	10.6	53.0	9.5	11.2	15.6*
Hispanic	33,031	5.9	99	173	338	20.2	49.6	8.6	10.3	11.2
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	184,520	6.9	136	222	2,829	8.8	81.1	2.7*	2.3*	5.2
<65, Public only	27,148	9.0	52	92	224	8.8	0.0*	18.1	57.4	15.8
<65, Uninsured	30,067	4.6	117	161	221	51.0	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	49.0
65+, Medicare only	10,853	12.4	92	142	191	3.3*	0.0*	81.6	0.0*	15.1
65+, Medicare and private	19,884	11.2	122	213	477	6.6*	26.5	60.0	1.7*	5.2*
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65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	32,795	9.2	83	154	466	17.7	29.4	20.0	18.6	14.3*
Near-poor	12,322	8.9	82	112	123	16.0	41.1	17.8	14.4*	10.7*
Low income	38,928	8.5	111	180	593	16.6	49.9	21.3	5.0	7.1
Middle income	86,182	7.0	129	187	1,127	7.3	61.0	17.3	2.5	11.9
High income	106,184	6.7	136	241	1,714	7.9	72.9	10.8	3.0*	5.3
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	221,447	7.0	123	180	2,804	9.7	59.2	14.7	5.7	10.7
Non-MSA	52,084	8.5	115	253*	1,118*	12.9*	67.5	11.8*	4.1*	3.7*
Missing	2,879	20.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	51,867	6.9	99	164	586	8.6	50.7	20.5	8.5*	11.7
Midwest	64,230	8.3	120	179	957	10.7	57.3	15.8	5.4	10.8
South	97,176	8.7	122	215	1,817	10.0	66.2	13.5	4.4*	5.9
West	63,138	5.1	120	206	663	12.8	56.3	15.9	4.9	10.1

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Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.2	4	24	413	1.6	3.7	1.0	1.1	1.4
Under 6	†	0.7	13	28	64	2.7	7.0	7.0*	2.5	1.6*
6-17	†	0.4	9	18	64	1.9	3.5	0.7*	1.9	1.9*
18-44	†	0.3	6	48	385	3.0	6.6	0.6*	1.5*	2.7
45-64	†	0.4	10	15	81	1.9	3.3	2.1	2.0	2.1
65 and over	†	0.7	10	17	86	1.5	3.5	3.5	1.0*	2.0
Sex										
Male	†	0.3	6	39	402	1.8	5.6	2.4	0.7	1.9
Female	†	0.3	5	8	119	1.2	2.4	2.5	1.4	1.1
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.3	5	24	423	1.3	4.7	2.6	0.9	1.2
Black	†	0.5	12	13	53	2.1	6.7	2.1	2.7	6.7*
Hispanic	†	0.5	13	11	36	5.5	6.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	6,121	0.3	5	30	409	1.4	2.8	1.1*	0.9*	1.0
<65, Public only	1,313	0.6	5	8	24	2.4	0.0*	4.4	4.3	3.4
<65, Uninsured	1,317	0.5	15	18	34	6.8	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	6.8
65+, Medicare only	576	1.3	20	19	35	1.7*	0.0*	4.5	0.0*	4.2
65+, Medicare and private	836	1.0	12	27	74	2.2*	5.1	4.5	1.1*	2.4*
65+, Medicare and other public	298	2.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	0.6	10	13	52	4.9	6.8	3.6	3.1	5.1*
Near-poor	†	0.9	11	13	19	4.1	7.6	4.5	4.7*	3.3*
Low income	†	0.6	14	20	79	3.3	6.3	4.0	1.3	1.6
Middle income	†	0.3	8	13	106	1.1	3.7	3.4	0.6	2.0
High income	†	0.4	6	53	394	1.8	6.2	3.1	1.4*	1.5
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.2	5	8	175	0.9	2.4	1.7	1.0	1.2
Non-MSA	†	0.5	9	84*	387*	4.5*	11.0	4.6*	1.6*	1.4*
Missing	†	3.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Census Region										
Northeast	†	0.5	9	17	75	1.9	4.5	5.3	2.8*	2.3
Midwest	†	0.5	6	14	119	1.7	4.2	2.9	1.3	2.9
South	†	0.4	6	44	394	2.1	7.2	3.3	1.3*	1.5
West	†	0.3	12	26	93	3.4	6.3	3.9	1.3	1.9

a Inpatient hospital and physician services, ambulatory physician and nonphysician services, prescribed medicines, home health services, dental services, and various other medical equipment and services that were purchased or rented during the year are included. Over-the-counter medications, alternative care services, and telephone contacts are excluded.

b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year). Other also includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

d Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

e Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

* Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30%.

Source: Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1999.